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JUVENILE COURT JUDGE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Fourth District Judge Leslie Brown Plans to Retire January 2007

Provo, UT---The Honorable Leslie D. Brown has announced his intent to retire effective Jan. 1, 2007. Fourth District Juvenile Court Judge Brown was appointed by Gov. Scott M. Matheson and took office July 1, 1979. Judge Brown is the senior judge in the Fourth District and ranks third in seniority among all Utah State Court judges.

Judge Brown received a law degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1972. He was in private law practice from 1972 to 1977, and served as Duchesne County Attorney from 1975 to 1977. Judge Brown was a member of the Judicial Council from 1992 to 1995, and formerly served as a member of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. He served on the Board of Juvenile Court Judges from 1997 to 2003, and served as its chair from 2002 to 2003. Judge Brown currently serves as a member of the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice and is the presiding judge in the Fourth District Juvenile Court.

Judge Brown noted that he has seen many changes during his 27 years on the bench. "When I was appointed to the bench, the Fourth District was comprised of eight counties, including Sanpete County and the three Uintah Basin counties, plus the four counties that make up the present district." Today, the Fourth Judicial District is comprised of Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties.

At the time of Judge Brown's appointment, he became Utah's ninth Juvenile Court judge—today there are 27 Juvenile Court judges.

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